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**FAX RECEIVED****JUN 17 2003****PETITIONS OFFICE****RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143**

This is a response to the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed 10/01/2002 (Paper No. 4) requesting an election among inventions. Applicant provisionally elects with traverse Species A (Figures 2a and 2b) and sub-species 1 (Figures 4 and 5). The applicant understands that claims to the nonelected species will be withdrawn until prosecution of the elected claims is completed.

The applicant is traversing the election to safeguard the non-elected claims from cancellation by examiner's amendment once prosecution is completed of the elected claims. M.P.E.P. 821.02. Upon allowance of a generic claim, the applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitation of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. Also, if claims are added after the election, the applicant will indicate which claims are readable upon the elected species. M.P.E.P. § 809.02(a).

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Applicant is aware that upon cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application.

Recognizing that Internet communications are not secure, I hereby authorize the USPTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail at the address below. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file. M.P.E.P. § 502.03.

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